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Applicants:

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A DEVICE FOR INHIBITING USE OF

NON-PROPRIETARY CONSUMABLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following sentence on line 1, immediately following the title:

-- This is a nationalization of PCT/IB00/01149, filed August

28, 2000, and published in English.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel amended claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 16-27 as found on the following three pages.